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AGING NETWORK NEWS

Governor, House and Senate Differ on 2006 Budget for Elders

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has proposed a 2006 state budget that includes nearly \$400 million in state spending cuts. It would make money-saving changes to Medicaid, but it would not eliminate or reduce coverage for children and senior adults currently enrolled in the Medicaid program.

The Governor's priority is to be fiscally responsible and balance the budget, while at the same time preserving health care for senior adults, children and the disabled, Michigan's most vulnerable citizens of all ages.

The Michigan House of Representatives has passed a single omnibus budget bill that includes budgets for all state department budgets, except for K-12 education and capital outlay. It is a departure from the past practice of voting on budgets for individual state departments, and this omnibus bill contains significant reductions in programs that impact older citizens.

It proposes a \$7.5 million cut for MI Choice, the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver program for nursing home-eligible senior adults to keep them in their own homes. MI Choice is a statewide program designed to give senior adults and individuals with disabilities more choices in where and how they receive long term care (LTC) supports. It provides a variety of services in a person's home that are similar to those provided in a nursing home.

Additionally, another \$7.5 million is proposed for transfer to be used for direct purchase of services for clients. This proposal unfortunately would severely reduce the number of nurses and social workers who assess clients, and provide them with coordinated health services in their own homes. The MI Choice program has been a popular and cost effective alternative for many people who otherwise would reside in nursing homes.

The Michigan Senate has voted to support a similar 2006 state budget that would cut \$9.7 million from MI Choice, again resulting in significant reductions in the nurses' and social workers' care coordination component of the program. MI Choice is now funded at \$100 million. When the program started it was funded at \$150 million.

The proposed state budget from the Michigan House also contains cuts that would impact health promotion and disease prevention efforts for Alzheimer's Disease, cancer prevention and control, cardiovascular health, diabetes outreach and screening, osteoporosis, Parkinson's' disease, and physical fitness.

In addition, the proposed House budget would transfer \$10 million in disease prevention funding from the Department of Community Health (MDCH) to health management organizations (HMOs) around the state to deal with prevention and control of illnesses such as Alzheimer's, arthritis and cancer.

AARP Survey Shows Michigan Voters Unhappy with MI Choice Cuts

According to an Advocacy Alert issued **July 25** by the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (AAAAM), it appears "the vast majority of Michigan voters will not be happy if the Michigan Legislature goes through with its plans to cut the MI Choice home and community-based waiver program for the 2006 fiscal year."

It goes on to say, "AARP hired a polling firm to conduct a scientific survey of 1,200 Michigan voters in May, 2005, asking them a variety of questions about long-term care (LTC). An overwhelming 95% of voters said it is important to maintain current funding for health care and LTC programs, even though the state is facing a budget crisis, and almost 80% want increased funding for home-based care, even if it means paying more taxes. The survey report can be found at http://assets.aarp.org/rgcenter/il/mi_ltc.pdf."

Also, "Cutting MI Choice is a mistake because it is cost-effective and will control the growth in LTC spending. The vast majority of Michigan voters want more home-based care, not less, and are willing to pay more taxes to get it. MI Choice now has a waiting list of 2,000 people (and) these cuts would make their wait longer. Many will be forced to move into a nursing home at the taxpayers' expense."

In addition, "The (Michigan) Legislature's proposal to cut MI Choice is due to a misunderstanding about administrative costs. Legislators incorrectly believe that the administrative costs are 25 percent, when in fact they are 5 percent."

Final negotiations now underway between the Governor, the State Senate and the State House of Representatives likely will last another month or so. Conference committee members from both the House and Senate are being named to work out differences between the two chambers. To date conferees have been named by the House, but not yet by the Senate. Also, the State House and the State Senate have been meeting weekly on Wednesdays during July and August.

For more information, call **Mary Ablan** at AAAAM (517/886-1029) or e-mail her at ablan@iserv.net.

Senior Citizens of the Year Recognized at State Fair

Two outstanding senior adults have been recognized at the 2005 Michigan Fair in Detroit for their voluntary contributions to our state.

Both received "Senior Citizen of the Year" awards from **OSA Director Sharon Gire** and Commission on Services to the Aging (**CSA**) **Chairperson Jerutha Kennedy**. Each received a letter of appreciation from **Gov. Jennifer Granholm**, a plaque from the Michigan State Fair, and a \$1,000 check from Consumers Energy.

Donald Mathews from Muskegon, age 80, was given the "Leadership Award." He is Past President of the Muskegon Rotary Club, and has provided exemplary leadership by inspiring active participation by its 180 members. He is a church pastor and long-

time community activist who also is active in the local United Way and Chamber of Commerce. He also places great emphasis on improving the lives of senior adults.

Evald Jorgensen from Oxford, age 77, received the "Service Award." He has been active with the Oxford Senior Citizens group for the past 10 years, and currently serves as its President. He also is active in his church and other community organizations, and is a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

For more information, call **Karen Carroll** at OSA (517/373-8230) or e-mail her at carrollk@michigan.gov.

Public Act Allows Elders to Defer Payment of Summer Property Taxes

Last May, **Gov. Jennifer Granholm** signed Public Act (PA) 24 of 2005, formerly House Bill (HB) 4188, that will allow individuals, age 62 or older, to defer payment of their summer property taxes until next year.

It increased the maximum household income threshold of taxpayers who may defer their summer property taxes to \$35,000. To claim a deferment, they must be age 62 or older, have a total household income of \$35,000 or less, and/or be totally and permanently disable, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic, an eligible service person, eligible veteran, or eligible widow or widower. This means more low income senior adults will be eligible.

To receive this deferment, property owners must obtain an updated "Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes" from their local Treasurer's office. They also can go to www.michigan.gov/treasury in order to download this application form. It must then be filed with the local Treasurer of their city, village or township by **September 15**, or by the date when summer taxes are due, whichever is later.

For more information, call 517/335-2167. Also see "Public Acts" under the LEGISLATION section of this issue (below).

OSA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA)

The next meeting will be held 10:00 a.m. **August 19** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Cindy Albrecht** at OSA (517/335-4016) or e-mail her at albrechtc@michigan.gov.

Kinship Informational Fair

"**It's a Family Affair**," the Kinship Informational Fair sponsored by OSA and the Michigan State University (MSU) Kinship Care Resource Center at the MSU School of Social Work, will be held for kinship families 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **September 10** at Patriarche Park at the corner of Saginaw Highway and Alton Road in **East Lansing**. Kinship families are grandparents raising grandchildren, aunts and uncles raising a niece or nephew, siblings raising other siblings, and a friend helping to raise another friend's child. The fair will have free food and beverages, games and entertainment for children (a moonwalk, clowns, magic shows, Latino dancers and more), and discussion

groups and resource booths for kinship families. For more information or to make a reservation, call 517/355-9600 or toll-free 800/535-1218.

OSA/Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Directors

The next meeting will be held 1:30 p.m. **September 13** in Room 3B above OSA at 7109 W. Saginaw Highway in Lansing. For more information, call **Jan Bowlin** at OSA (517/241-3864) or e-mail her at bowlinj1@michigan.gov, or call **Mary Ablan** at the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (517/886-1227) or e-mail her at ablan@iserv.net.

State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC)

The next meeting will be held 9:30 a.m. **October 20** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Sally Steiner** at OSA (517/373-8810) or e-mail her at steiners@michigan.gov.

EVENTS/MEETINGS ADDED SINCE THE LAST ISSUE

Green House Groundbreaking, entitled "Plant the Seeds of Change" **August 18** at the Pinecrest Medical Care Facility in **Powers**. For more information, call 906/497-2147.

Call for Sessions: 2005 NGA Annual Conference, sponsored by the National Guardianship Association November 6-9 at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel in **Cleveland, OH**. The deadline for submitting session proposals is **September 2**. For more information, call 520/881-6561.

Fourth International Palliative Care in the 21st Century Conference, sponsored by Columbia University, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and The Professional Education Center of the Jewish Home **September 8** at Columbia University in **New York, NY**. For more information, call 212/870-4762 or e-mail to ngribaa@jhha.org.

Mexican Festival, sponsored by the LaAmistad Seniors Program of the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency **September 15** at the Ruth Peterson Community Center in **Pontiac**. For more information, call 248/858-2307 or e-mail to tamarao@olhsa.org

Professional Development Seminar, sponsored by the Association of Government Accounts Lansing Chapter **September 20** at the Radisson Hotel Lansing in **Lansing**. For more information, go to www.lansing-aga.org/events or call 517/336-6485.

Advanced Techniques in Dementia Care, a 2005 Professional Series training sponsored by the Gerontology Network and Catholic Social Services, Inc., **September 22** at the Waterfront Conference Center in **Traverse City**. For more information, call 231/929-7070, ext. 11.

Grants.Gov Workshop, sponsored by the Capital Area District Library and conducted by an experienced trainer from the Grants.Gov team for individuals, nonprofit organizations and governmental units **September 28** at the Capital Area District Library in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/334-1523. Also see the OTHER

RESOURCES section of this issue (below).

Ninth Annual Retreat, sponsored by the Michigan Adult Day Services Association (MADSA) **September 28-30** at the McMullen Conference Center at **Higgins Lake** near **Roscommon**. For more information, call toll-free 877/362-2322 or e-mail to madsa@earthlink.net.

CMF 33rd Annual Conference, sponsored by the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) **October 10-12** at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in **Acme** near Traverse City. For more information, go to www.cmif.org or call 616/842-7080.

16th Annual NAPSA Conference, sponsored by the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) **October 12-14** at the Salt Lake City Marriott City Center in **Sault Lake City, UT**. For more information, call 720/565-0906 or e-mail to anne.kincaid@apsnetwork.org.

Adult Guardianship/Family Caregiver Mediation Training, sponsored by the Center for Social Gerontology and PeaceTalks Mediation Services **October 17-19** at the Holiday Inn North Campus in **Ann Arbor**. For more information, go to www.tcsq.org or call 734/665-1126.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCES

5th Annual Safe, Sound and Secure Conference, sponsored by the Macomb County Department of Senior Services **August 23** at the Macomb Intermediate School District in **Clinton Township**. For more information, call 586/469-6307 or e-mail to cathy.wilson@macombcountymi.gov.

Michigan Triad Conference, sponsored by the Michigan Sheriffs' Association **August 26** at Wayne County Community College in **Taylor**. For more information, call toll-free 800/875-5500 or e-mail to cpickett@michigansheriff.com.

7th Annual Assisted Living Conference, sponsored by the Michigan Assisted Living Association (MALA) and the Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (MAHSA) **September 7** at the Lansing Radisson Hotel in **Lansing**. For more information, go to www.miassistedliving.org or call toll-free 800/482-0118.

15th Annual Senior Advisory Council Conference and 2005 Claude Pepper Awards, entitled "Staying Healthy through Engagement" and sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) for senior adults and service providers **September 9** at the Soaring Eagle Resort, Casino and Conference Center in **Mt. Pleasant**. One conference event will be "Walking Works" with **Ernie Harwell**. For more information, call toll-free 800/733-BLUE (2583).

6th Annual Michigan Substance Abuse Conference, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards (MACMHB) **September 15-16** at Cobo Hall in **Detroit**. For more information, call 517/374-6848.

Annual Convention & Exhibit Show 2005, entitled "Blueprints for the Future – Tools for Change" and sponsored by the Health Care Association of Michigan and the Michigan Center for Assisted Living **September 18-21** at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in **Mt. Pleasant**. For more information, call 517/627-1561.

7th Annual MDEN Conference, entitled “Non-Alzheimer’s Dementias: Behaviors and Interventions,” and sponsored by the Michigan Dementia Education Network (MDEN) and the Alzheimer’s Education & Research Program at Eastern Michigan University (EMU) **September 20-21** at the McMullan Center at **Higgins Lake**. For more information, call 734/487-8578 or e-mail to lisa.gray@emich.edu.

Nonprofit Day 2005, a conference entitled “Change is Coming...Are You Ready?” sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) and its Michigan Public Policy Initiative (MPPI) **September 21** at the Lansing Center in **Lansing**. For more information, go to www.mnaonline.org or call toll-free 888/242-7075.

MCRR Fall Conference, sponsored by the Michigan Committee on Refugee Resettlement (MCRR) and the Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA), featuring a panel on the needs of older refugees, **September 23** at the Holiday Inn South Conference Center in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/492-2400 or e-mail to aking@mnaonline.org.

Case Management Across the Lifespan, a conference for health care professionals interested or engaged in case management sponsored by the Michigan State University (MSU) College of Nursing and the MSU School of Social Work, **November 17** at the MSU Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center. For more information, go to www.nursing.msu.edu/continuingeducation.asp or call toll-free 800/605-6424, option 6.

MICHIGAN TRAINING EVENTS

Special Issues in Caring for Individuals with Dementia, a training on new strategies for caring for individuals with dementia sponsored by the Gerontology Network **August 19** at the Montcalm County Commission on Aging in **Stanton**. For more information, call toll-free 888/243-3144 or e-mail to mwaskiewicz@gerontologynetwork.org.

Advanced Techniques in Dementia Care, a 2005 Professional Series training sponsored by the Gerontology Network **August 19** at the Montcalm County Commission on Aging in **Stanton**. For more information, go to www.gerontologynetwork.org or call toll-free 800/730-6135.

Dementia Competencies for Care Coordinators, a free training sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association, Michigan Great Lakes Chapter in collaboration with the Tri-County Office on Aging to prepare care coordinators to work more effectively with people with dementia and their families **August 23** at the Tri-County Office on Aging in **Lansing**. A free continental breakfast for all participants. For more information, call 517/364-7590 or e-mail to Jennifer.burley@alz.org.

Grantsmanship Training Program, sponsored by the Grantsmanship Center (TGCI) to offer grant-related training and information **September 12-16** at the Judson Center in **Royal Oak**. For more information, go to www.tgci.com or call toll-free 800/421-9512.

Dizziness and Balance Dysfunction in the Geriatric Client, a training sponsored by the Injury and Violence Prevention Section of the Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH) and co-sponsored by Genesys Health System and Generation Care of

Muskegon **September 13** at the Genesys Conference and Banquet Center in **Grand Blanc**. For more information, go to www.genesys.org, call 517/663-5147, or e-mail to dmsdiane@concentric.net.

Best Practices of Northern Michigan Committee (BPNM), a mini in-service entitled "Montessori-based Activity Programs for Residents with Dementia" and sponsored by Citizens for Better Care (CBC) Northwest Michigan **September 13** at the Diocese of Gaylord in **Gaylord**. For more information, call 231/947-2504 or toll-free 866/485-9393.

Advanced Techniques in Dementia Care, a 2005 Professional Series training sponsored by the Gerontology Network **September 16** at the Above & Beyond Oakridge Golf Club in **Norton Shores**. For more information, go to www.gerontologynetwork.org or call toll-free 800/730-6135.

19th Annual Symposium on Geriatric Medicine, entitled "Finding the Balance: Risk vs Benefit in Treating Geriatric Illness" and sponsored by the Geriatric Education Center of Michigan **September 23** at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/353-7828.

Geriatric Rehabilitation: Strategies for a Changing Environment, a training sponsored by Agility Health and the Geriatric Education Center of Michigan **September 24** at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/353-7828.

Dealing with Grief & Loss/Working with Families of Older Adults a 2005 Professional Series training sponsored by the Gerontology Network **September 26** at the Osceola State Bank in **Baldwin**. For more information, go to www.gerontologynetwork.org or call toll-free 800/730-6135.

Grantsmanship Training Program, sponsored by the Grantsmanship Center (TGCI) to offer grant-related training and information **September 26-30** at the Lake Superior Community Partnership & Northern Area Health Education Center in **Marquette**. For more information, go to www.tgci.com or call toll-free 800/421-9512.

Planned Giving: Getting the Proper Start, a training sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association in partnership with the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership, and conducted by the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy Fund Raising School **September 27-29** at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in **Dearborn**. For more information, call 517/492-2410 or toll-free 888/242-7075, or go to www.mnaonline.org.

The Art of Jewish Caregiving, a seminar sponsored by Jewish Home and Aging Services **September 28** at the Jewish Home and Aging Services in **West Bloomfield**. For more information, call 248/661-2999, ext. 348.

AARP Driver Safety Program, a training designed specifically for drivers age 50 and older and sponsored by AARP and the Western Upper Peninsula (UP) Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) **September 29-30** at the Western UP District Health Department in **Hancock**. For more information, call 906/482-7382.

Best Practices of Northern Michigan Committee (BPNM), entitled "Mini in-service: Services for Persons with Visual Impairments in LTC Settings" and sponsored by Citizens for Better Care (CBC) Northwest Michigan **October 4** at the Diocese of

Gaylord in **Gaylord**. For more information, call toll-free 866/485-9393 or 231/947-2504.

Mature Driver Workshop, a training sponsored by the Macomb County Department of Senior Services **October 6** at the Freedom Hill County Park in **Sterling Heights**. For more information, call 586/469-6307 or e-mail to cathy.wilson@macombcountymi.gov.

Preparing Successful Grant Proposals, a training sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association in partnership with the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership, and conducted by the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy Fund Raising School **October 18-19** at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in **Dearborn**. For more information, call toll-free 888/242-7075 or 517/492-2410, or go to www.mnaonline.org.

Accommodating Vision and Hearing Loss in Older Adults, a training sponsored by the Health and Human Services Department at Lansing Community College (LCC) **October 21** at LCC in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/483-1529 or e-mail to beham@lcc.edu.

Developing a Person-Centered Approach to Care, a training sponsored by the Health and Human Services Department at Lansing Community College (LCC) **October 21** at LCC in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/483-1529 or e-mail to beham@lcc.edu.

Dementia: Concepts and Causes, a training sponsored by the Health and Human Services Department at Lansing Community College (LCC) **November 4** at LCC in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/483-1529 or e-mail to beham@lcc.edu.

Building the Annual Fund, a training sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association in partnership with the Dorothy A. Center Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership, and conducted by the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy Fund Raising School **November 9-10** at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in **Dearborn**. For more information, call toll-free 888/242-7075 or 517/492-2410, or go to www.mnaonline.org.

Grantsmanship Training Program, sponsored by the Grantsmanship Center (TGCI) to offer grant-related training and information **November 14-18** at Lansing Community College in **Lansing**. For more information, go to www.tgci.com or call toll-free 800/421-9512.

OTHER MICHIGAN EVENTS/MEETINGS

MADSA Chapter II Quarterly Meeting, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Adult Day Services Association (MADSA) **September 14** at Area Agency on Aging 1-B in Southfield. For more information, call toll-free 877/362-2322 or e-mail to madsa@earthlink.com.

2005 Volunteer Symposium, entitled "Volunteers Rock Around the Clock," and sponsored by the Michigan Hospice & Palliative Care Organization (MHPCO) **October 14-16** at the Valley Plaza Resort Hotel and Convention Center in **Midland**. For more information, call 517/886-6667 or e-mail to nbrocieus@mihospice.org

General MADSA Membership Meeting, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Adult Day Services Association (MADSA) **October 21** at the Michigan Chamber of Commerce in **Lansing**. For more information, call toll-free 877/362-2322 or e-mail to madsa@earthlink.com.

CONFERENCES/EVENTS OUTSIDE MICHIGAN

Vulnerable Adults & the Criminal Justice System: Beyond the Basics, a conference sponsored by the Oregon Health Care Association, AARP Oregon, the Oregon Department of Human Services, and the Oregon Department of Justice **September 13-15** at the Hilton Eugene & Conference Center in **Eugene, OR**. For more information, call 503/846-2773 or e-mail to joyce_demonnin@co.washington.or.us.

13th International Conference, entitled "The Intergenerational Current Across the Life Span and Around the Globe" and sponsored by Generations United **September 13-17** at the Washington Marriott in **Washington, DC**. For more information, go to www.gu.org or call 202/289-3979.

10th Annual Disease Management Congress, held in conjunction with the **2005 International Disease Management Alliance Summit** and sponsored by the Beam Institute and the Institute for International Research **September 21-23** at the Omni Orlando Champions Gate Resort in **Orlando, FL**. For more information, go to www.diseasemanagementcongress.com or call toll-free 888/670-8200.

Expo 2005: International Public Transportation Expo, sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association **September 26-28** at the Dallas Convention Center in **Dallas, TX**. For more information, go to www.apta.com/expo2005 or call toll-free [800/628-5188](tel:8006285188)

World Ageing & Generations Congress 2005, sponsored by the VIVA 50-Plus - Swiss Association for Demographics and Inter-Generational Issues **September 29-October 1** at the University of St. Gallen in **St. Gallen, Switzerland**. For more information, go to www.viva50plus.org, call +41(071) 242 79 78, or e-mail to info@viva50plus.org.

30th Anniversary Annual Meeting, a conference entitled "Working Together for Quality Long-Term Care" and sponsored by the National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform (NCCNHR) **October 16-19** at the Hilton Crystal City Hotel in **Arlington, VA**. For more information, go to www.nursinghomeaction.org or call 202/332-2275.

AARC Annual Training Conference, sponsored by the Alabama Association of Regional (Aging) Councils **October 16-19** at the Perdido Beach Resort in **Orange Beach, AL**. For more information, go to www.alarc.org.

Workplace Diversity: New Challenges New Opportunities, a conference sponsored by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) to provide diversity-related resources and services **October 24-26** Caesars Palace in **Las Vegas, NV**. For more information, go to www.shrm.org/conferences/diversity or call toll-free 800/283-7476.

GIA's 2005 Annual Conference, sponsored by Grantmakers in Aging (GIA) **October 26-28** at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in **Baltimore, MD**. For more information, go to www.giaging.org or call 937/435-3156.

NGA 18th Annual Conference, sponsored by the National Guardianship Association (NGA) **November 6-9** at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel in **Cleveland, OH**. For more information, go to www.guardianship.org or call 520/881-6561, ext. 103.

27th Annual Professional Development Institute & Trade Show, entitled "The Business of Aging: Getting Ahead of the Curve" and sponsored by Partnerships for Aging (a partnership between the Southwest Society on Aging and the Mid-America Congress on Aging) **November 17-19** at the Indianapolis Westin Hotel Downtown in **Indianapolis, IN**. For more information, go to www.partnershipsforaging.org or call 405/744-7511.

2005 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA), entitled "The Booming Dynamics of Aging: From Awareness to Action" and conducted by the Administration on Aging (AoA) **December 11-14** in **Washington, DC**. For more information, go to www.whcoa.gov.

2006 Joint Conference, entitled "Strengthening Families, Communities and Ourselves" and co-sponsored by the National Council on the Aging (NCoA) and the American Society on Aging (ASA) **March 16-19, 2006** at the Hilton Anaheim and the Anaheim Marriott in **Anaheim, CA**. For more information, go to www.asaging.org.

FEDERAL REGISTER (August 1-12)

The Federal Register is the daily publication of the National Archives and Records Administration. It outlines rules, proposed rules, and notices of federal agencies and organizations, as well as Executive Orders and other Presidential documents.

To access the Federal Register online, go to the GPO Access homepage at www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/browse.html. Up will come "Federal Register: Browse." Also "Current Issue" or "Back Issues." For "Back issues," select the year and click on "Go." For current year issues, select "2005" and click on "GO." Then click on the date of the issue you want to access.

Corporation Announces Availability of its Draft Strategic Plan

See the Federal Register dated **August 3** (Vol. 70, No. 148). Go to "Corporation for National and Community Service" and see "Notices, Reports and guidance documents." This is a notice from the Corporation for National and Community Service announcing the availability of its strategic plan for 2005-2010. This complies with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 that requires federal agencies to establish a strategic plan covering not less than a five-year period, and to solicit the views and suggestions of those potentially affected by or interested in the plan. The draft strategic plan is available at www.nationalservice.gov. It includes proposed strategic goals and implementation steps to be implemented by the Corporation's operating plans and budgets. Written comments must be submitted by **August 31**. It is recommended that comments be submitted electronically or by fax. E-mail comments to strategicplan@cns.gov or fax them to 202/606-3464.

CCS Issues Hospice Wage Index for 2006

See the Federal Register, dated **August 4** (Vol. 70, No. 149). This final rule from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), effective **October 1**, provides the hospice wage index for the 2006 fiscal year. The hospice wage index is used to adjust Medicare payment rates for hospice agencies under the Medicare program to reflect local differences in area wage levels. For more information, call 410/786-9462.

CCS Updates Payment Rates for Skilled Nursing Facilities for 2006

See the Federal Register dated **August 4** (Vol. 70, No. 149). This final rule from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), effective **October 1** updates the Medicare payment rates used under the Prospective Payment System (PPS) for skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) for the 2006 fiscal year. Annual updates are required under the Social Security Act, as amended by the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999, the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000, and the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, relating to Medicare payments and consolidated billing for SNFs. For more information, call 410/786-4528.

USDA Rural Housing Service Invites Applications for Grants

See the Federal Register dated **August 5** (Vol. 70, No. 150). This notice from the Rural Housing Service of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces the availability of approximately \$6 million of grant funds for the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) program. Applicants must provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the federal grant. These grants will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects relating to housing and community facilities, as well as community and economic development. The deadline for applications is **November 3**. For more information, call 202/720-1506 or e-mail to william.kenney@wdc.usda.gov.

HHS Establishes Coordinating Center for Health Promotion

See the Federal Register dated **August 10** (Vol. 70, No. 153). This notice reflects the establishment of the Coordinating Center for Health Promotion for Health Promotion (CCHP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The mission of the CCHP is to plan, direct and coordinate a national program for the prevention of premature mortality, morbidity and disability due to chronic diseases, as well as genomics, disabilities (physical and developmental), birth defects, reproductive outcomes and adverse consequences of heredity conditions, including blood disorders. This will include providing leadership in the development, evaluation and dissemination of effective health promotion activities and risk reduction programs; planning, developing and maintaining systems of surveillance for chronic diseases and conditions; and serving as the primary focus for assisting states and local agencies through grants and cooperative agreements and other mechanisms in establishing and maintaining chronic disease.

HHS Requests Suggestions to Revise Healthy People 2010 Objectives

See the Federal Register dated **August 12** (Vol. 70, No. 155). This notice from the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) in the Department of

Health and Human Services (HHS), as part of its midcourse review of Healthy People 2010, is soliciting written comments for consideration on changes and revisions proposed to the Healthy People 2010 objectives. Healthy People 2010 is a set of national health objectives that were published in 2000. The midcourse review, conducted at the midpoint of the decade, is a process in which Healthy People 2010 objectives are reviewed by HHS to assess the data trends data trends during the first half of the decade, consider new science and available data, and make changes that ensure that Healthy People 2010 will remain current, accurate and relevant. Written comments may take the form of changes to the language of the objectives, deletions of objectives, new objectives, and baseline and target revisions. Written comments must be submitted by **September 15**. To view Healthy People 2010 objectives and proposed revisions, go to www.healthypeople.gov/data/midcourse. For more information, e-mail to hp2010@osophs.dhhs.gov.

LEGISLATION

The following bills are listed for informational/educational purposes only. The list does not constitute OSA support or endorsement. Nor does it indicate the critical bills OSA considers to be of priority. All of this information is current, as of the date of this issue. But it is subject to change at any time through legislative action.

For more information about the content and legislative history of a particular bill, go to www.michiganlegislature.org (the Michigan Legislature website) and enter the bill number in the box under "Legislative Bill Search." Then click on "Go!" and the status page of the bill will appear with current information about the bill. Click on a "PDF" or "TXT" box for a copy of the latest version of the bill, or a House or Senate analysis of the bill.

The Michigan Legislature website (www.michiganlegislature.org) is a free service of the Legislative Internet Technology Team in cooperation with the Michigan Legislative Council, the Michigan House of Representatives, and the Michigan Senate. Also, call the Michigan Law Library at 517/373-0630 for legal research questions.

If you have a question or opinion about any of these bills, please contact your state legislator. Also, you may e-mail your comments to **OSA Director Sharon Gire** at osadirector@michigan.gov, or mail them to her at OSA (P.O. Box 30676 in Lansing, 48909-8176).

New House Bills (August 1-12)

House Bill (HB) 5072 (2005)

Health facilities; nursing homes; nursing home inspections; require twice yearly. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Carl M. Williams** (D-Saginaw). Referred to the House Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement 8-3-05.

New Senate Bills (August 1-12)

Bills that are Moving (Through August 12)

House Bill (HB) 4037 (2005)

This bill would require the establishment of a toll-free telephone number providing consumers with information on Michigan prescription drug programs. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Paul Condino** (D-Southfield) and co-sponsored by two others, this bill is tie-barred to HB 4559 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 1-27-05. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analyses 5-2-05 and 5-16-05. House substitute bill adopted 5-17-05. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 6-29-05. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 6-30-05.

House Bill (HB) 4436 (2005)

Appropriations; zero budget; appropriations, supplemental (including 18,615,700 for Community Health and 32,368,600 for Human Services). Creates appropriations act. Sponsored by **Rep. Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt). Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations 3-2-05. Reported with recommendation with House substitute bill 7-27-05. Referred to second reading 7-27-05.

House Bill (HB) 4559 (2005)

This bill would establish a website to educate consumers about the price of prescription drugs. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Roger Kahn** (R-Saginaw) and co-sponsored by two others, this bill is tie-barred to HB 4037 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 3-24-05. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analyses 5-2-05 and 5-16-05. House substitute bill adopted 5-17-05. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 5-18-05. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 5-19-05.

House Bill (HB) 4626 (2005)

Insurance; health; liability for certain harm to enrollee; provide for. Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1956. Sponsored by **Rep. Paul Condino** (D-Southfield) and co-sponsored by 12 others. Referred to the House Committee on Insurance 4-19-05. Reported with recommendation with House substitute bill 6-21-05. Referred to second reading 6-21-05.

House Bill (HB) 4831 (2005)

Appropriations; other; zero budget appropriations bill; provide for fiscal years 2005 and 2006. Creates appropriation act. Sponsored by **Rep. Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt). Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations 5-25-05. House substitute bill adopted and amended 6-9-05. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 6-9-05. Referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations 6-14-05. Discharge Committee approved 6-23-05. Senate substitute bill concurred in 6-23-05. Passed by the Senate 6-23-05. Senate substitute bill nonconcurred in by the House 6-28-05. House conferees named: Reps. **Scott Hummel, John Pastor** and **Gretchen Whitmer**.

House Bill (HB) 4996 (2005)

Under provisions of the Public Health Code, dental hygienists, under the supervision of a dentist, can provide dental hygiene services to patients who have not first been examined by a dentist as part of a program for "dentally underserved" patients conducted by a local, state, or federal grantee health agency. This bill would amend the Public Health Code to revise the criteria for designation as a grantee health agency to include, for example, a public or nonprofit entity, or a school or nursing home that administers a program of dental care to a dentally underserved population. Sponsored by **Rep. Barb Vander Veen** (R-Allendale) and co-sponsored by 36 others. Referred to

the House Committee on Health Policy 6-23-05. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 6-27-05. Reported with recommendation without amendments 6-28-05. Referred to second reading 6-28-05.

House Bill (HB) 5002 (2005)

Health facilities; hospitals; quality assurance assessment; extend sunset and increase hospital appropriation. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Alma Smith** (D-Ypsilanti) and co-sponsored by 15 others. Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations 6-23-05. Reported with recommendation without amendment(s) 6-28-05. Referred to second reading 6-28-05.

Senate Bill (SB) 43 (2005)

This bill would amend the Income Tax Act to allow a physician with a medical care practice in a designated health professional shortage area to claim a \$2,500 income tax credit for up to three consecutive years beginning after December 31, 2005, or claim the credit for any three years within a five year period if he or she interrupted his or her practice for a continuing education program or a sabbatical. It also would reduce the amount of the credit for a physician with a part-time practice. This credit would be for a physician who provides primary care to patients, including indigent patients, as part of his or her full-time or part-time medical care services in a designated health professional shortage area. Sponsored by **Sen. Samuel Thomas III** (D-Detroit). Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 1-25-05. Senate Fiscal Analyses 6-8-05 and 6-15-05. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with Senate substitute bill (6-14-05).

Senate Bill (SB) 146 (2005)

This bill would amend the Public Health Code to delete a provision authorizing a disciplinary subcommittee to impose sanctions on a pharmacist for employing the mail to sell, distribute, or deliver a drug that requires a prescription when the prescription for the drug is received by mail. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Sen. Virg Bernero** (D-Lansing) and co-sponsored by 14 others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 2-2-05. Senate Fiscal Analyses 2-8-05, 2-9-05 and 2-14-05. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole 2-10-05. Passed by the Senate 2-16-05. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 2-16-05.

Senate Bill (SB) 267 (2005)

Appropriations; community health; department of community health; provide for fiscal year 2005-2006. Creates appropriation act. Sponsored by **Sen. Deborah Cherry** (D-Burton) and co-sponsored by one other. Referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations 3-2-05. Senate Fiscal Analyses 6-6-05, 6-9-05 and 6-22-05. Reported by the Senate Committee on the Whole favorably with Senate substitute bill and amendments. Senate substitute bill concurred in as amended 6-14-05. Amendments defeated 6-14-05. Passed by the Senate 6-14-05. Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations 6-16-05. House substitute bill adopted 6-28-05. Passed by the House 6-28-05. Returned to the Senate 6-28-05. House substitute bill nonconcurred in by the Senate 6-30-05.

Senate Bill (SB) 271 (2005)

Appropriations; family independence agency (now the department of human services); provide for fiscal year 2005-2006. Creates appropriations act. Sponsored by **Sen. Martha Scott** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by one other. Referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations 3-2-05. Senate Fiscal Analyses 5-5-05, 6-10-05 and 6-17-05. Senate substitute bill concurred in 6-15-05. Amendments defeated 6-15-05.

Amendments adopted 6-15-05. Passed by the Senate 6-15-04. Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations 6-16-05. House substitute bill adopted 6-28-05. Passed the House 6-28-05. Returned to the Senate 6-28-05. House substitute bill nonconcurrent in by the Senate 6-30-05.

Senate Bill (SB) 334 (2005)

This bill would amend the Customer Choice and Electricity Reliability Act (the act) to create the Low Income Energy Assistance and Efficiency Program within the Public Service Commission (PSC); require the PSC to implement a low income energy assistance and efficiency factor that would be a nonbypassable surcharge payable by every customer receiving a distribution service from a natural gas or electric utility with rates regulated by the PSC; create the Low Income Energy Assistance and Efficiency Fund within the State Treasury, and require money collected through the surcharge to be deposited into the fund; allow the PSC, in consultation with the Attorney General, to authorize the State Treasurer to make disbursements from the fund through a grant process to any entity that provided assistance to utility customers; and repeal Section 6c of the act which allows the PSC to approve energy conservation programs for residential customers, and fund those programs through general utility rates. Amends Public Act (PA) 3 of 1939. Sponsored by **Sen. Bruce Patterson** (R-Canton) and co-sponsored by 15 others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Technology and Energy 3-22-05. Senate Fiscal Analyses 4-27-05, 5-24-05 and 5-25-05. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with Senate substitute bill 5-24-05.

Senate Bill (SB) 348 (2005)

The General Property Tax Act requires local tax collecting units that collect a summer property tax to defer the collection, at the taxpayer's request, until the following February 15 for the principal residence of taxpayers with a household income of \$35,000 or less. To be eligible for the deferment, a taxpayer must be totally and permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic, or an eligible serviceperson or an eligible veteran (or be the widow or widower of such a person). This bill would eliminate the income requirement for these taxpayers, except for taxpayers who are at least 62 years of age at the time of death. For those taxpayers, the income threshold would increase to \$37,500 for the 2006 tax year and to \$40,000 for the 2007 tax year and beyond. Amends Public Act (PA) 206 of 1893. Sponsored by **Sen. Nancy Cassis** (R-Novi) and co-sponsored by four others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance. Senate Fiscal Analyses 4-26-05 and 5-3-05. Senate substitute bill concurred in 5-3-05. Amendments adopted 5-4-05. Passed the Senate 5-4-05. Referred to the House Committee on Tax Policy 5-4-05. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 6-29-05. House substitute bill adopted 6-30-05. Passed the House 6-30-05. Returned to the Senate 6-30-05.

2005 Public Acts

House Bill (HB) 4188 (2005)

Public Act (PA) 24 of 2005

This bill amends the General Property Tax Act to increase from \$25,000 to \$35,000 the maximum household income of a taxpayer 62 years old, or older, who may defer the collection of summer property taxes, and to remove the income limit for other taxpayers eligible for the summer tax collection deferral. It amends Public Act (PA) 206 of 1893. Sponsored by **Rep. Tory Rocca** (R-Sterling Heights) and co-sponsored by 72 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 5-23-05 and assigned Public Act (PA) 24 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

House Bill (HB) 4434 (2005)**Public Act (PA) 72 of 2005**

This bill amends the Public Health Code to provide that pharmacies that shared a real-time, online database or other equivalent means of communication, or pharmacies that transferred prescriptions pursuant to a written contract for centralized prescription processing services, would not have to follow the procedure established in the Code to refill a copy of a prescription from another pharmacy. It amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt) and co-sponsored by 82 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 7-19-05 and assigned Public Act (PA) 72 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

Senate Bill (SB) 352 (2005)**Public Act (PA) 73 (2005)**

This bill amends the Public Health Code to allow a pharmacy to perform centralized prescription processing services or outsource those services to another pharmacy if certain conditions are met. It amends Public Act 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Sen. Bill Hardiman** (R-Kentwood) and co-sponsored by 23 others, this bill was tie-barred to HB 4434. It was **approved by Gov. Granholm 7-19-05 and assigned Public Act (PA) 73 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

House Bill (HB) 4405 (2005)**Public Act (PA) 85 of 2005**

This bill amends the Public Health Code to eliminate the authority of a disciplinary subcommittee to impose sanctions against a pharmacist for employing the mail to sell, distribute, or deliver a drug that requires a prescription when the prescription for the drug is received by mail. It amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gretchen Whitmer** (D-East Lansing) and co-sponsored by 63 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 7-20-05 and assigned Public Act (PA) 85 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

FOUNDATIONS**CMF Launches Initiative to Increase Foundation Support for Aging**

The Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) has received a two-year grant from a national organization called Grantmakers in Aging (GIA). With this two-year grant totaling \$40,000 (\$20,000 from GIA, and a \$20,000 match from Michigan foundations), CMF is launching the EngAGEment Initiative designed to attract new community, family, and private foundations, corporate grantmakers, and individual donors into philanthropy focused on aging.

Michigan funders, in particular community foundations, are well positioned to respond to a wide range of issues facing elders. Economic forecasts tell us that an unprecedented \$41 trillion intergenerational transfer of wealth will occur between 1990 and 2040. But currently, only about 2% of foundation funding goes toward programs to support senior adults. With support and assistance from the aging network and others, this percentage can be increased.

The purpose of the EngAGEment grant will be to (1) recruit and persuade foundations

to make older adults one of their several priority areas of funding by reaching out to foundation executives, program officers, trustees, wealthy individuals, donor advisors and estate attorneys, and (2) reach out to potential new donors and broaden the donor base of community foundations by raising awareness and expanding public understanding of the value of new and lasting giving programs for aging.

Therefore, the EngAGEment grant will be used to help fund media outreach, conferences, research and other activities. It will (1) produce a statewide awareness campaign by using public service announcements and media partnerships; (2) create a kit of common marketing strategies and tools to be customized by individual foundations and used to promote giving opportunities; (3) develop volunteer opportunities for senior adults to be trained to assist community foundations with fund-raising; (4) launch a matching gifts program to encourage senior adults and others to designate aging as a field of interest in their estate plans; (5) hold policy discussions with policy makers; and (6) conduct forums and educational workshops to promote cooperation between foundations and the aging network.

CMF has invited OSA and the aging network to offer suggestions and support to help facilitate the EngAGEment Initiative. In addition, OSA has committed staff time for this project. A letter from **OSA Director Sharon Gire**, attached to the grant application submitted by CMF to GIA, states in part "Support from the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) will include an in-kind contribution of 20 percent full-time employment (FTE) from our staff member **David Dekker**."

OTHER RESOURCES

Grants.gov to Conduct Free Workshop for Grant Seekers

Those looking for federal grants are invited to attend a free workshop on how to use the www.grants.gov website on **September 28** in the Main Library Auditorium at the Capital Area District Library in downtown **Lansing**.

The morning session will be conducted 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for individuals and nonprofit organizations, and the afternoon session will be conducted 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for governmental units. No registration is necessary.

Each year, 26 federal agencies award over \$400 billion in grants. This workshop is designed to introduce the federal website called www.grants.gov, and demonstrate the fast and easy way to find and apply for federal grants by using one convenient online location. The workshops will be conducted by experienced trainers from the Grants.gov team.

The Grants.gov program is one of 24 e-government initiatives designed to improve access to services through the Internet. It is a partnership of 11 agencies, led by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and it is recognized as the authoritative source for information about all competitive grant opportunities. The White House Office of Management and Budget has mandated federal agencies post all of their competitive grant opportunities on www.grants.gov.

For more information about the workshop, call 517/334-1523.

WEBSITES

All 16 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) in Michigan have websites:

www.detroiteldernet.org is the website of the Detroit Area Agency on Aging (AAA-1A) located in Detroit. It serves the cities of Detroit, Grosse Pointe (GP), GP Farms, GP Park, GP Shores, GP Woods, Hamtramck, Harper Woods and Highland Park.

www.aaa1b.org is the website of Area Agency on Aging 1-B located in Southfield. It serves the counties of Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw.

www.aaa1c.org is the website of The Senior Alliance, Inc. (AAA-1C) located in Wayne. It serves all of Wayne County, excluding areas served by AAA-1A.

www.r2aaa.org is the website of the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging (AAA-2) located in Adrian. It serves the counties of Hillsdale, Jackson and Lenawee.

www.kalcounty.com/aaa/ is the website of the Region-3A Area Agency on Aging (AAA-3A) located in Kalamazoo. It serves Kalamazoo County.

www.burnhambrook.com is the website of the Region-3B Area Agency on Aging (AAA-3B) located in Battle Creek. It serves the counties of Barry and Calhoun.

www.bhsj.org/aaa/ is the website of the Region-3C Area Agency on Aging (AAA-3C) located in Coldwater. It serves the counties of Branch and St. Joseph.

www.areaagencyonaging.org is the website of the Region IV Area Agency on Aging (AAA-4) located in St. Joseph. It serves the counties of Berrien, Cass and Van Buren.

www.gfn.org/vaaa is the website of the Valley Area Agency on Aging (AAA-5) located in Fling. It serves the counties of Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee.

www.tcoa.org is the website of the Tri-County Office on Aging (AAA-6) located in Lansing. It serves the counties of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham.

www.region7aaa.org is the website of the Region VII Area Agency on Aging (AAA-7) located in Bay City. It serves the counties of Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac and Tuscola.

www.aaawm.org is the website of the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, Inc. (AAA-8) located in Grand Rapids. It serves the counties of Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo and Osceola.

www.nemcsa.org is the website of the Region IX Area Agency of Aging (AAA-9) located in Alpena. It serves the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon.

www.aaanm.org is the website of the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan,

Inc. (AAA-10) located in Traverse City. It serves the counties of Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford.

www.upcapservices.com is the website of the U.P. (Upper Peninsula) Area Agency on Aging (AAA-11) located in Escanaba. It serves the counties of Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon and Schoolcraft.

www.seniorresources.us is the website of Senior Resources (AAA-14) located in Muskegon. It serves the counties of Muskegon, Oceana and Ottawa.

ABOUT RESOURCES FOR AGING

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The events/meetings, funding/grants, and other resources described in Resources for Aging should not be interpreted as constituting OSA endorsement, because this information is presented for informational/educational purposes only.

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